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10. Sir John Wolstenholme appeared to be angry with mee when he wrote about foure yeares since to one Tucker (then one of the councell in Virginia) that Sir John Harvey stunke in court and citty ; which letter was there published to my no little disgrace. And all the cause of offence that I know was ever by mee given him was, for that I gave to the late Lord Treasurer a larger amount of the affaires of Virginia, then I did to him.

These things being thus as I am ready to prove, I humbly leave the consideration thereof to your Lordships judgments, who are best able to judge of these insolencies, and of the dangerous consequences thereof. And do humbly beseech your Lordships that you will be pleased by your wisdomes to give some timely remedy, that his Majesties subjects there, may be reduced to their obedience, the offenders receive condigne punishment, and I who have suffered so much in the execution of his Majesties comandments may be repayred in my reputation and otherwise, as to his Majestie and your Lordships wisdomes shall seem best.

And he shall daily pray, &c.

Petition and Proposals Respecting Nathaniel Bacon.

To the Kings most Excellent Ma'tie

*The Humble Petition of Tho: Bacon.**

SHEWETH:

That yo' Pet' is the sad ffather of Nathaniell Bacon his only son now in Virginia, who hath been unhapyly prevailed with by the Importunity of his distressed Neighboures to lead them forth agst: theire cruell and p'fideous Enemys the Indians who had now murdered divers of his family as well as others that lay neare to them & who had heertofores destroyed the whole collony

* This petition is included in the records of the British State Paper Office. A copy of it is now among the Winder Papers preserved in the State Library of Virginia. The original is undated.

all but about five hundred p'sons by reason of the credulity & security in which they were betrayed, But for as much as yo^r Pet^{rs} son & those with him presumed to preserve themselves without the commission of yo^r Ma^{ties} Governour, finding the Protection Provided for by him & his Counsell in noe way able to defend them from the dayly Ircutions & murders w^{ch} every day destroyed them In Contempt of those forts & oppositions w^{ch} were easily evaded; yo^r Pet^{rs} son hath by his compassion & assistance incurd as great a danger to himself being hereby become obnoxious to the Letter of the Law by adventuring upon soe publick a good without the allowance of the Governour; without which yo^r Pet^{rs} son refused to act further, haveing been Indemnified for what allready past. But in persuance of the Governours order to keep the people Quiet hee was enforced to accompany them not being able to restraigne or perswade them from comeing doune to press Governour & Assembly with much Earnesness to grant his Commission; w^{ch} they not only thought fitt to doe but to make the Inclosed Address to yo^r Ma^{tie} tending to the vindication or at least the Extenuation of what yo^r Pe^{trs} son hath done or suffered on this occation.

Yo^r Pe^{tr} therefor being under an Apprehension & feare of the Exteremities of yo^r Ma^{ties} displeasure & Justice against yo^r Pe^{trs} said son, humbly Implores yo^r Ma^{ties} Mercy, beseeching you not to cast him into dispaire by exempting him from yo^r fforgiveness as one that maliciously & trayterously, or for evell ends of his owne had conspired agst & subverted yo^r Ma^{ties} Royall authority, which yo^r Pe^{tr} is well assured by his said sons Protestions & other good Testimonys hee utterly abhores as upon Inquisition will appeare, yf yo^r Ma^{tie} shall be graciously pleased to admitt his serious repentance in what hee hath offended & tle Manifestation of his Innocent Intentions, & actings in every perticular, but the weakness of being over persuaded to lead the people agst there enemies upon the Grounds w^{ch} are more largely set forth in the paper hereunto annexed.

And yo^r Pe^{tr} (as in duty bound)
shall ever pray &c. @.